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DHHS Suggestion Saves More than \$20,000

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RALEIGH – Today, the State Review Committee of NCThinks approved an award for a suggestion submitted by Therese “Terri” Smith, building and property manager for the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance.

NCThinks is the state’s suggestion system for state employees. It is designed to promote efficiency and economy in state government and to save tax dollars by recognizing and rewarding individual employees for suggestions that improve state government operations.

Smith’s suggestion concerned the deactivation of unused phone lines at the Kirby Building on the Dix Campus of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Savings from the suggestion totaled \$22,195.74. According to General Statute 143-345.22, the savings will be distributed according to the following scale:

20% of total savings allotted to suggestor = \$4439.15

10% of total savings allotted to OSP for administration of NCThinks = \$2,219.57

10% of total savings allotted to OSP for state employee education and training = \$2,219.57

10% of total savings allotted to DHHS, Division of Medical Assistance = \$2,219.57

50% of total savings allotted to the General Fund = \$11,097.87

“In these tight budget times, it is important to let state employees know that their creativity in saving the state money is being rewarded,” said State Personnel Director Linda Coleman.

State employees can submit suggestions at www.ncthinks.nc.gov.



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April 20, 2011, L To R: Dr. Craigan Gray, Division of Medical Assistance, Health and Human Services, Terri Smith, NCThinks Award recipient, Linda Coleman, State Personnel Director and Cotton Rawls, chair, NCThinks State Review Committee, celebrate Smith's award.

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